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MONKEY MADNESS

WAIT, SONIC!: PANT: ZEE PACE--SHE EES KEELING ME! I CANNOT KEEP UP WEETH YOU...!: HUFF:

HEY, GET THE LEAD OUT THERE, SLACKER! THIS AIN'T NO SUNDAY DRIVE IN THE COUNTRY, YOU KNOW! WE'VE GOT EGGBOTS TO INVESTIGATE..*

SEE LAST ISSUE— J. FREDITOR

...AND IT MIGHT BE TROUBLE!

CAN'T LET THE FORCES OF EVIL GET ON UP ON US! SO GET YOUR REAR IN GEAR!

Ohh--! YOU ARE ZEE MOST INFURIATING HEDGEHOG!

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;Giggle: ANTOINE'S RIGHT! - YOU *ARE* "ZEE MOST INFURIATING"! WHY DON'T YOU EASE UP A LITTLE AND LET HIM CATCH UP?

WHAT? AND *CAUTIOUSLY* GO WHERE NO HEDGEHOG'S GONE BEFORE? NOT A CHANCE, SALLY! I LIVE TO HURL HEADLONG INTO THE FACE OF...

...DANGER!

SCREEECH!!

I JUST PUT MY FOOT IN MY MOUTH, DIDN'T I?

DON'T WORRY-- THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM FOR BOTH OF THEM!

UNREAL! WHAT ARE THE EGGBOTS UP TO?

THEY'RE ONTO *SOMETHING* ALRIGHT ...AND THEY'VE BROUGHT THE MEGA HARDWARE TO DIG IT UP. MAYBE IF WE'RE VERY *QUIET* WE CAN...

Ah! YOU WAITED FOR ME! PERHAPS YOU ARE NOT ZEE INCONSIDERATE OAF I THOUGHT YOU WERE...!

Shh! KEEP IT TO A DULL ROAR BLABBER-MOUTH! YOU WANT THOSE GOONS TO CATCH WISE TO US, OR WHAT?

:Gasp: ZEE EGGBOTS! Oh, THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT GOOD! YOU THINK ZEY HAVE FOUND WHATEVER ZEY ARE LOOKING FOR?

IT'S POSSIBLE THEY GOT THE DROP ON US, BUT I BETTER CONFIRM IT WITH MY COMPUTER...

I DO NOT LIKE ZIS AT ALL. WHAT CAN WE DO?

SIMPLE--

WE KICK THEIR TAILS FROM HERE TO ROBOTROPOLIS!

I MEAN MOBOTROPOLIS! I MEAN--

--YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!

I'M PICKING UP AN ENERGY SIGNATURE FROM THEIR DIG SITE. WAIT A MINUTE...

THERE'S A STRONG ENERGY SIGNATURE FROM A SECOND ORIGIN POINT.

WHAT'S THIS? IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY GENERATOR I'VE SEEN BEFORE.

IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SAY IT WAS SOME SORT OF *CRYPT...*

ZIS EES ZEE PROBLEM YOU HAVE --CONFUSING ZEE BRAVERY WITH ZEE *IDIOCY!*

SOUNDS TO ME LIKE ONE OF US IS *CHICKEN!*

I AM *NOT* ZEE CHICKEN! I JUST THINK WE SHOULD CONSIDER ALL OUR OPTIONS BEFORE JUMPING INTO ZEE FRAY.

YOU KNOW I HATE IT WHEN YOU HIT ME WITH LOGIC...!

MANAGED TO CRACK THE SENSOR-LOCK. NOW IT'S JUST A MATTER OF OPENING THE DOOR

Grunt WHATEVER'S IN HERE MUST BE PRETTY DARN VALUABLE, TO BE SO STRONGLY SECURED.

Oh, GOSH! I--I WASN'T EXPECTING TO FIND A *PERSON* IN HERE! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN LOCKED UP IN HERE? ARE YOU INJURED?

I'VE BEEN SEALED IN THIS CRYPT FOR OVER TEN YEARS, BUT I'M IN PERFECT HEALTH-- ROBOTNIK BUILT ME WELL!

THERE ARE SO MANY EGGBOTS WE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BEAT THEM. PERHAPS YOU CAN CREATE ZEE DIVERSION WHILE PRINCESS SALLY AND I INVESTIGATE THEIR MINING SITE...

NOT A BAD PLAN, ANTOINE. ONLY ONE THING'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE...

...SALLY'S MISSING IN ACTION!

Dr. ROBOTNIK *BUILT* YOU...?

WELL... *MOST* OF ME, ANYWAY. HE MADE ME THE MOST POWERFUL *CYBORG* ON THE PLANET!

ONCE HE REALIZED I WAS TOO STRONG TO BE CONTROLLED, HE LOCKED ME AWAY FOR GOOD, BUT NOW-- THANKS TO YOU-- MONKEY KHAN IS FREE!

Uh-Oh.

MONKEY MADNESS

PART 2

MEANWHILE, AT THE DEVILS GULAG...

REPORT IN, DRILL UNIT. YOUR MASTER SNIVELY GROWS IMPATIENT.

ARE YOU PROGRESSING ON SCHEDULE OR ARE YOU PLANNING ON TWIDDLING YOUR THUMBS ALL DAY?

PRIMARY-TASK-IS-ACCOMPLISHED--THE-ATOM-DRILL-HAS-SUCCESSFULLY-PENETRATED-THE-OUTER-CRUST.

POWERSOURCE-LOCATED-IN-SUB-TERRANEAN-STREAM...

...ADVANCE-SPECULATION-CONFIRMED: A POWER-RING-OF-IMMENSE-PROPORTIONS! COMMENCING-REMOVAL-PROCEDURES-NOW.

POWER RING? I DIDN'T WANT A POWER RING! I WANTED YOU TO FIND IXIS NAUGUS' POWER SIGNATURE!!!

ALERT! ALERT! POWER-RING-RISING-FROM-FISSURE-ON-ITS OWN-VOLITION!

NO WAY! THIS SITUATION IS GETTIN' HAIRIER BY THE SECOND!

HaHaHaHaHa! THE MONKEY KHAN'S MAGNETIC PERSONALITY HOLDS SWAY OVER ALL MANNER OF FLORA AND FAUNA!

IT MAKES THE PERFECT FIT... NOT TO MENTION A NIFTY FASHION STATEMENT!

MY SENSES HEIGHTEN! MY VERY BEING SURGES WITH RAW ENERGY!

AFTER DECADES OF INACTIVITY, MONKEY KHAN IS ONCE AGAIN COMPLETE!

LET MOBIUS TREMBLE IN FEAR, FOR MY WRATH SHALL BE SWIFT AND TERRIBLE! THE ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION HAS BEEN UNLEASHED!

UNIDENTIFIED-SUBJECT-HAS-STOLEN-THE-POWER-RING!

ALL-EGG-UNITS, ELIMINATE-SUBJECT!

THAT'S NOT SO EASILY ACCOMPLISHED, BOLT-BRAIN!

I MAY BE A BIT RUSTY AFTER SITTING ON MY BUTT FOR SO LONG...

...BUT THE DAY I CAN'T MOP THE FLOOR WITH A BUNCH OF TIN-PLATED CYBER-DRONES IS THE DAY I THINK ABOUT A RETIREMENT PLAN!

BUT WHY GET BOGGED DOWN WITH SUCH MUNDANE CONCERNS, WHEN THERE'S A POPSICLE STAND JUST WAITING TO BE BLOWN... TO BITS?

SUBJECT-HAS-DESTROYED-THE ATOM-DRILL! ALL UNITS-REGROUP! ALL-UNITS...

...OBLITERATED! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THIS MONKEY KHAN CHARACTER MUST BE STOPPED. HE WON'T CATCH A SECOND EGGBOT SQUAD SO OFF GUARD...

SURLY SMIAN SHOWOFF! WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS ANYWAYS?

APPARENTLY, HE'S A CYBORG CREATED BY ROBOTNIK, A LONG TIME AGO, BUT...

ROBOTNIK?!?

THAT'S ALL I NEED TO HEAR! IF BUTTNIK BUILT HIM, HE CAN'T BE UP TO ANY GOOD. BELIEVE IT!

EVEN IF HE DID WASTE ALL THOSE EGGBOTS. I DON'T TRUST HIM!

NO, SONIC! WAIT!

YO, MONKEY-BOY! TIME TO GET SERIOUS~ YOU'RE GOING ONE-ON-ONE WITH THE HOG, NOW!

WHAT TH--? OOF!

GRR-ARR.

GET A GRIP, MAGILLA--YOU'RE LOSIN YOUR COOL AND IT'S ONLY THE TOP OF THE FIRST!

KNOCK IT OFF, SON O' MONKEY KHAN'S NOT OUR ENEMY! HE'S REBELED AGAINST ROBOTNIK. HE'S ON *OUR* SIDE!

OOFAH! SUCH RADIANT BEAUTY! I HADN'T NOTICED BEFORE!

AND MONKEY KHAN HAS BEEN ALONE FAR TOO LONG!

I SHALL NOW DEVOTE MY EVERY WAKING HOUR TO BASKING IN THE HEAVENLY GLOW OF YOUR LOVELINESS!

HEY! PUT ME *DOWN*, YA BIG APE! I'M NOT IN THE MARKET FOR A *BOY-FRIEND!*

SALLY!

WHAT A MEGA-MESS. THAT MONKEY-CLOWN S MAKIN OFF W TH SALLY! WHAT DO WE DO *NOW?*

ZERE IS BUT ONE COURSE OF ACT ON...

...ADM.T THAT ZIS IS ALL *YOUR* FAU_T!

WHAODAYA MEAN *MY* FAU_T?!

I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT ZEE DIPLO-MACY S NOT YOUR STRONG SU T YOU CAN T SEEM TO GET ALONG N TH *ANYBODY!*

TO HECK WITH THE PSYCHO-ANALYS S!

WE'RE NOT GONNA ACCOMPL SH ANY-THING BY STANDING AROUND HERE TA_K'NG!

AH, .T S TRUE THEN-- ZEE ART OF CONVERSATION *IS* DEAD!

G.EEP AN EGGBOT AMBUSH!

PERHAPS NOW 'S ZEE GOOD TIME TO START TALK NG AFTER ALL...!

MONKEY MADNESS

CHAPTER 3

ADMIT T, ANTOINE--THERE IS NO SOCIAL CRIS S I CAN'T EAS LY HANDLE!

CHECK IT-- THIS IS WHAT I CALL *TWO-FISTED* D PLO-MACY! NOT TOO SHABBY, HUH?

I SHALL ADMIT NO SUCH TH NG! TH S IS ZEE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT S TUATION!

USUALLY IN ZEE DELICATE MATTERS SUCH AS THIS, ZEE OPPOSING PARTIES ARE NOT...

...OOmph!... TRYING TO K LL EACH OTHER!

FAN ART

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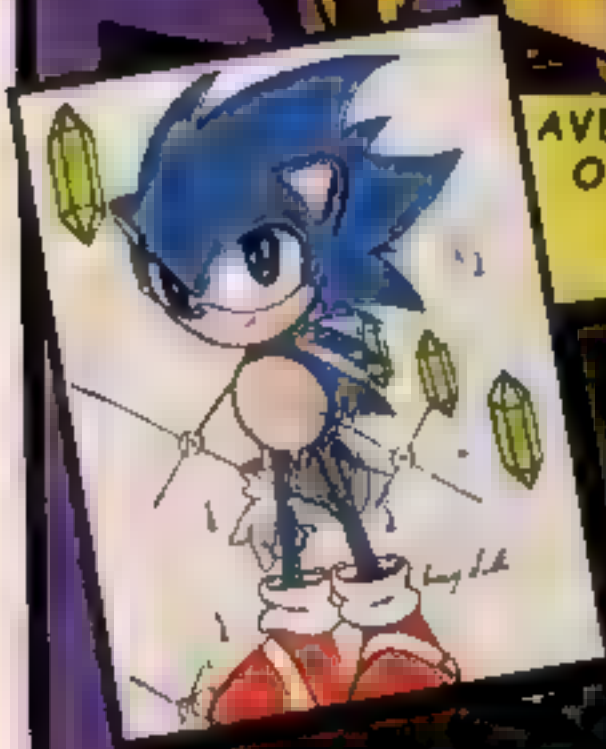

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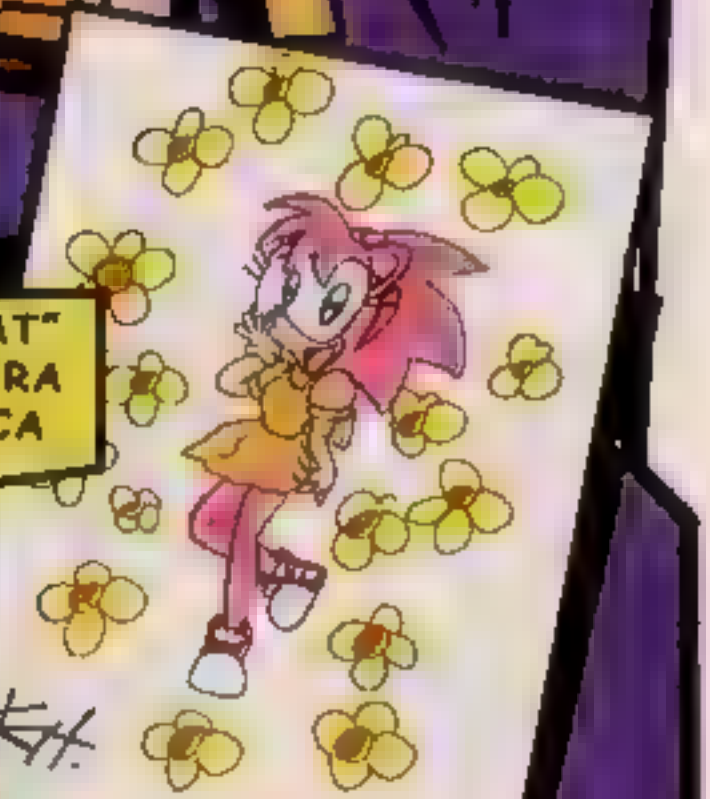

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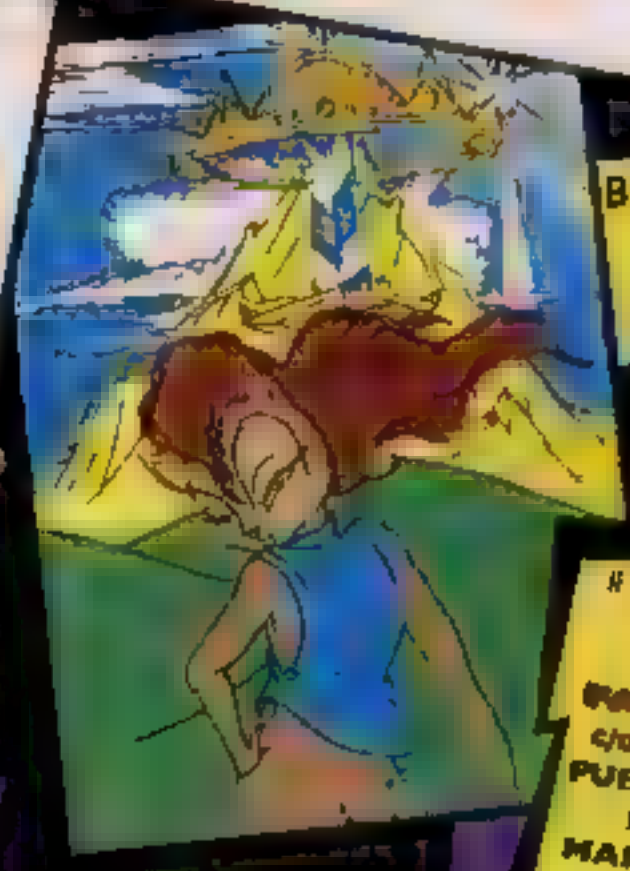

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OH, PUH-LEASE! EASE UP ON THE YAMMER NG-- MY EARS CAN ONLY TAKE SO MUCH!

YA W N FGHTS WITH YOUR FIST S, NOT YOUR MOUTH!

YOU SEE? THAT S YOUR SOLUT ON FOR EVERTH NG-- V OLENCE!

CUT TO THE CHASE, ANTO!NE-- WHAT ARE YOU TRY NG TO TELL ME?

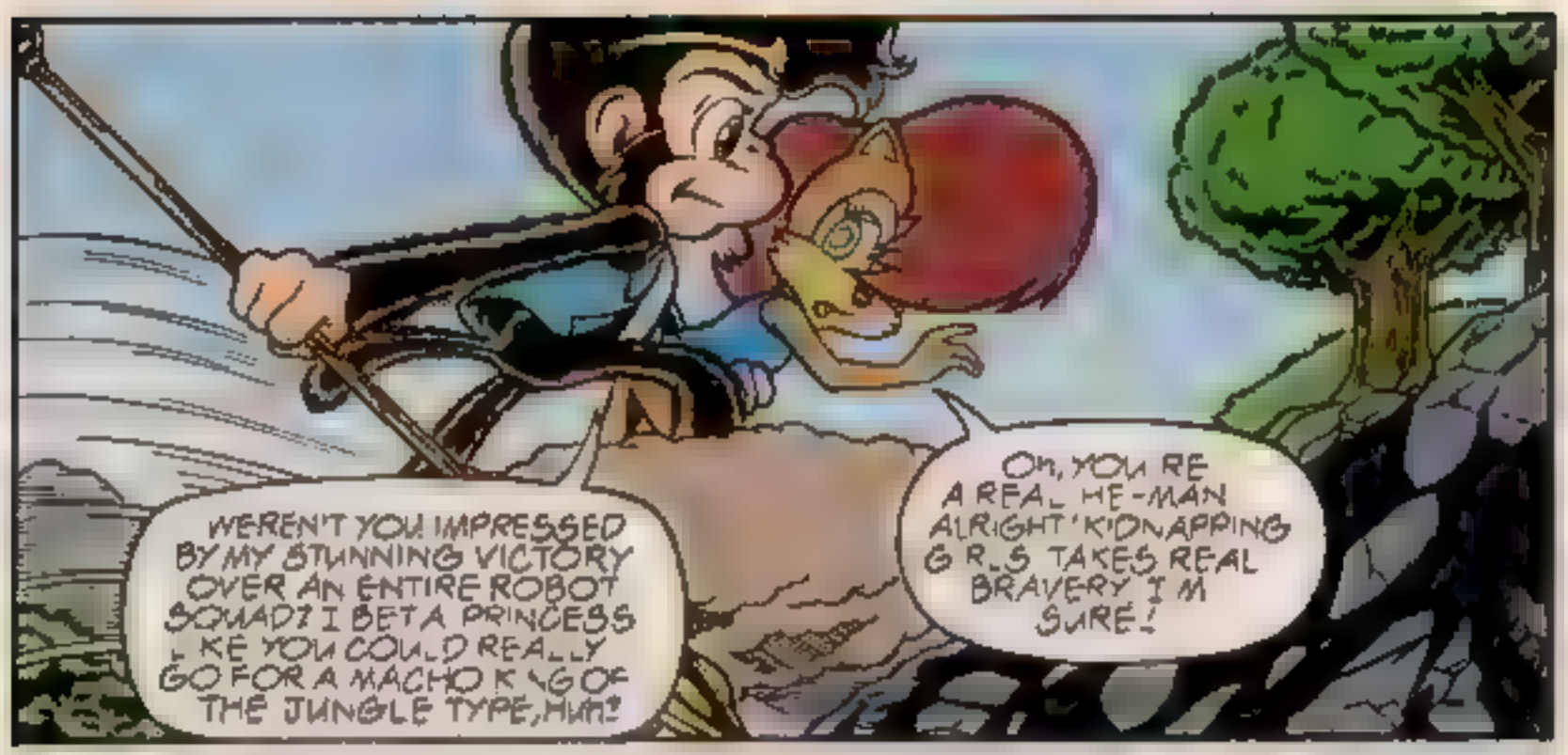
THAT YOU ARE INSUFFERABLE... ANTAG- ON.STIC.. YOU DON'T PLAY WE.L WITH OTHERS AND...

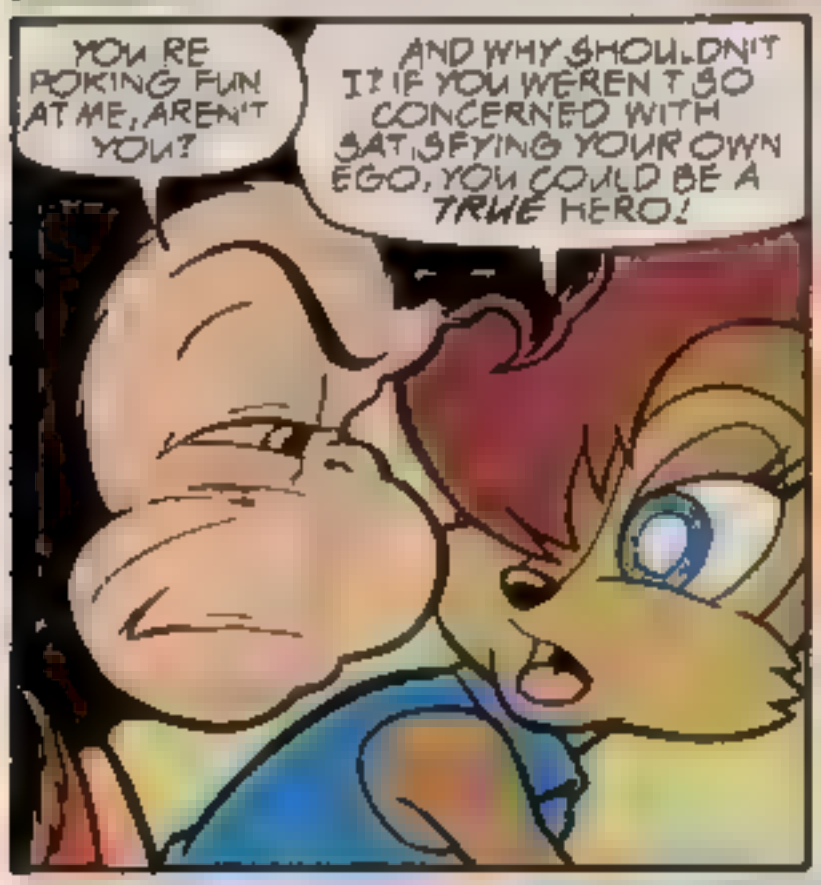
...AND YOU SHOU.D WATCH YOUR STEP.

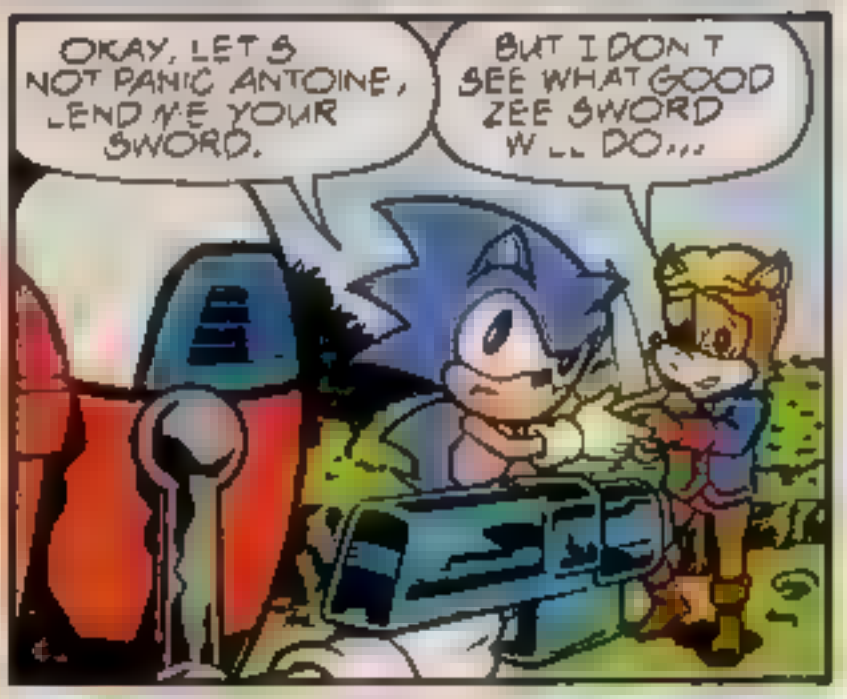
I GET ZEE FEE.NG WE RE MERELY POSTPON NG ZEE NEVT B.E!

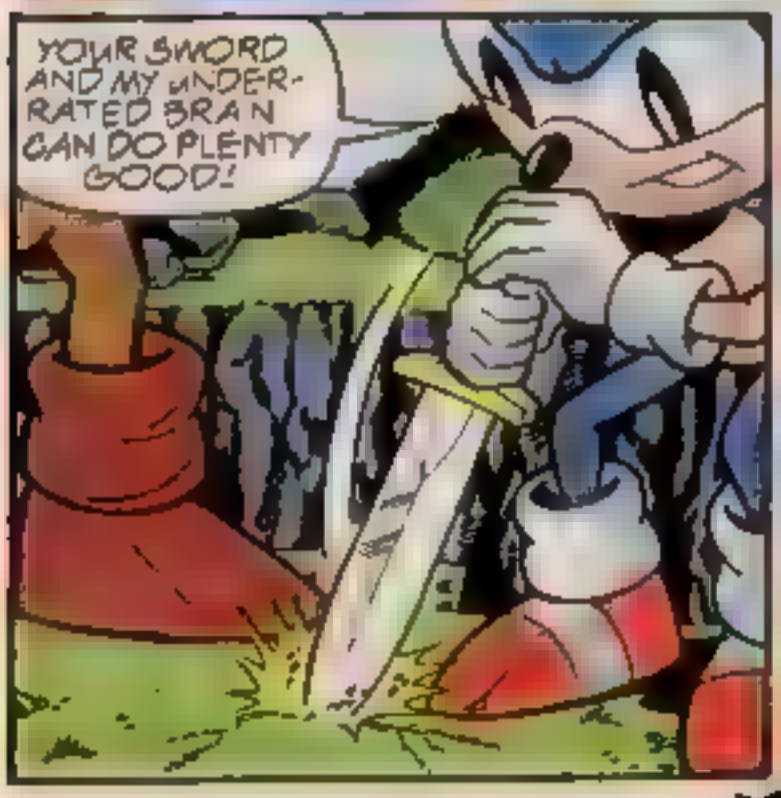
WHOA! THAT WAS CLOSE! LUCKY FOR ME I DDN'T TAKE A HEADER R'GHT INTO THAT P T!

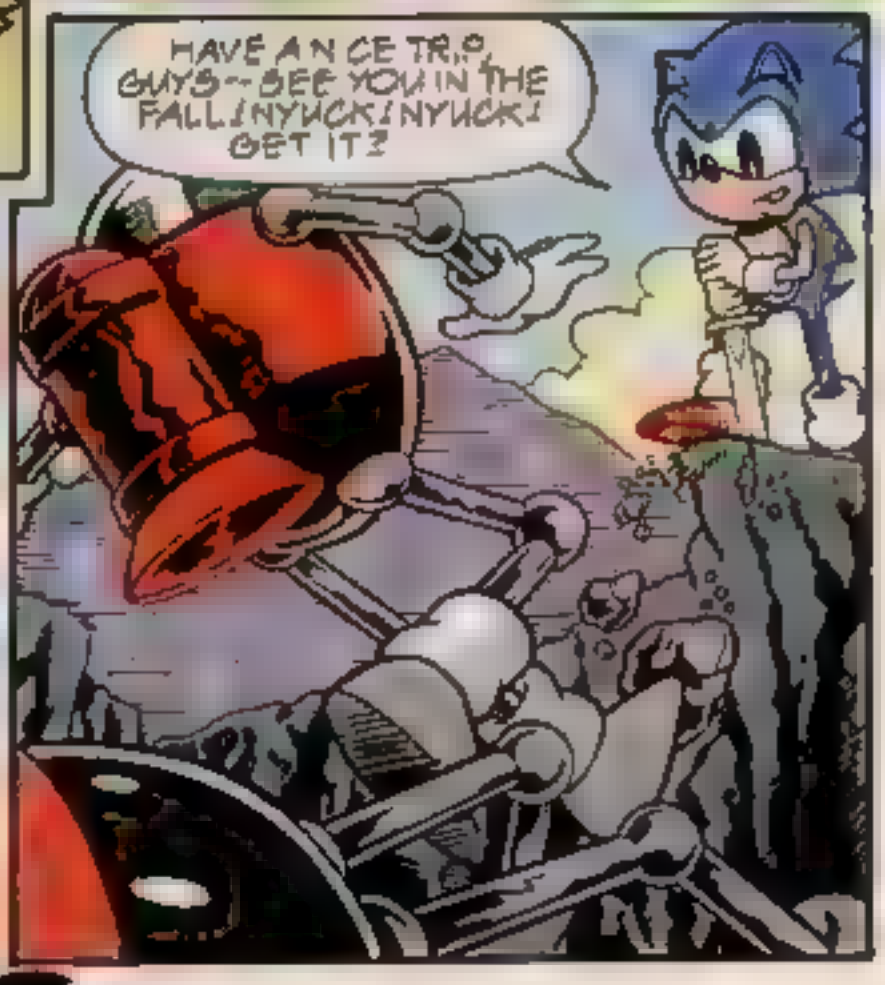
THIS MUST BE WHAT THEY CA.L A "CLIFFHANGER"..!


WEREN'T YOU IMPRESSED BY MY STUNNING VICTORY OVER AN ENTIRE ROBOT SQUAD? I BET A PRINCESS LIKE YOU COULD REALLY GO FOR A MACHO KING OF THE JUNGLE TYPE, HUH?
OH, YOU'RE A REAL HE-MAN ALRIGHT! KIDNAPPING GIRLS TAKES REAL BRAVERY I'M SURE!


YOU'RE POKING FUN AT ME, AREN'T YOU?
AND WHY SHOULDN'T I? IF YOU WEREN'T SO CONCERNED WITH SATISFYING YOUR OWN EGO, YOU COULD BE A TRUE HERO!


OKAY, LET'S NOT PANIC ANTOINE, LEND ME YOUR SWORD.
BUT I DON'T SEE WHAT GOOD ZEE SWORD WILL DO...


YOUR SWORD AND MY UNDER-RATED BRAIN CAN DO PLENTY GOOD!


HAVE A NICE TRIP, GUYS--SEE YOU IN THE FALL! NYUCK! NYUCK! GET IT?

I DO BELIEVE THAT IS ZEE FIRST TIME WE'VE MANAGED TO WORK IN ZEE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION! UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T THINK IT WILL MAKE ZEE DIFFERENCE..!

YOIKS! THIS WOULDN'T BE A BAD TIME FOR A LAST MINUTE RESCUE.

Y KNOW, FOR DRAMATIC PURPOSES...

NO SWEAT, SONIC--HERE COMES THE CAVALRY!

CONSIDER IT AN APOLOGY FROM THE MONKEY KHAN!

NOT WHAT I WAS EXPECTING BUT I'LL TAKE IT!

AS FOR THE REST OF YOU EGG-GOONS... TAKE A HINT--YOU'VE JUST BEEN OUTCLASSED!

NO. MY EGGBOTS HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED! THOSE FREEDOM FIGHTING WEENIES HAVE DESTROYED MY LAST CADRE OF EGGBOTS!

FOR AN OVERBLOWN MANIAC, YOU'VE SURE GOT THE MOVES KHAN!

SEE? DIDN'T I SAY YOU WERE THE OVERBLOWN MANIAC?

AH BUT YOUR CHANGE OF ZEE ATTITUDE IS MOST APPRECIATED!

SALLY SET ME STRAIGHT. I SHOULDN'T HAVE ACTED OUT OF EXTREME SELF-INTEREST. SHE SAYS YOU AND I ARE QUITE SIMILAR...

WE SHOULD HAVE WORKED TOGETHER FROM THE START.

HEY WE'RE GOLDEN BUDDY! YOU AND ME -- WHAT A TEAM! ALL BADDIES LIKE SNIVELY BETTER WATCH THEIR BUTTS!

BELIEVE ME, THAT'S NOT A COMPLIMENT!

YOU KNOW T, CHUM! BUT FOR NOW, MONKEY KHAN IS GOING TO ENJOY HIS LONG-AWAITED FREEDOM!

COME TO THINK OF IT I COULD USE SOME TIME OFF MYSELF!

THE END

UNCLE CHUCK IN Rise of the ROBIANS!

NO! STAY BACK!
STAY BACK! AFTER WHAT WE CAUGHT YOU TRYIN TO DO?
IT DON'T TAKE NO GENIUS TO FIGURE OUT THAT ANY TIN-PLATED BOZO...
...SNOOPIN ROUND ROBOTNIK'S OLD LAB...
...CAN ONLY BE UP TO NO GOOD!

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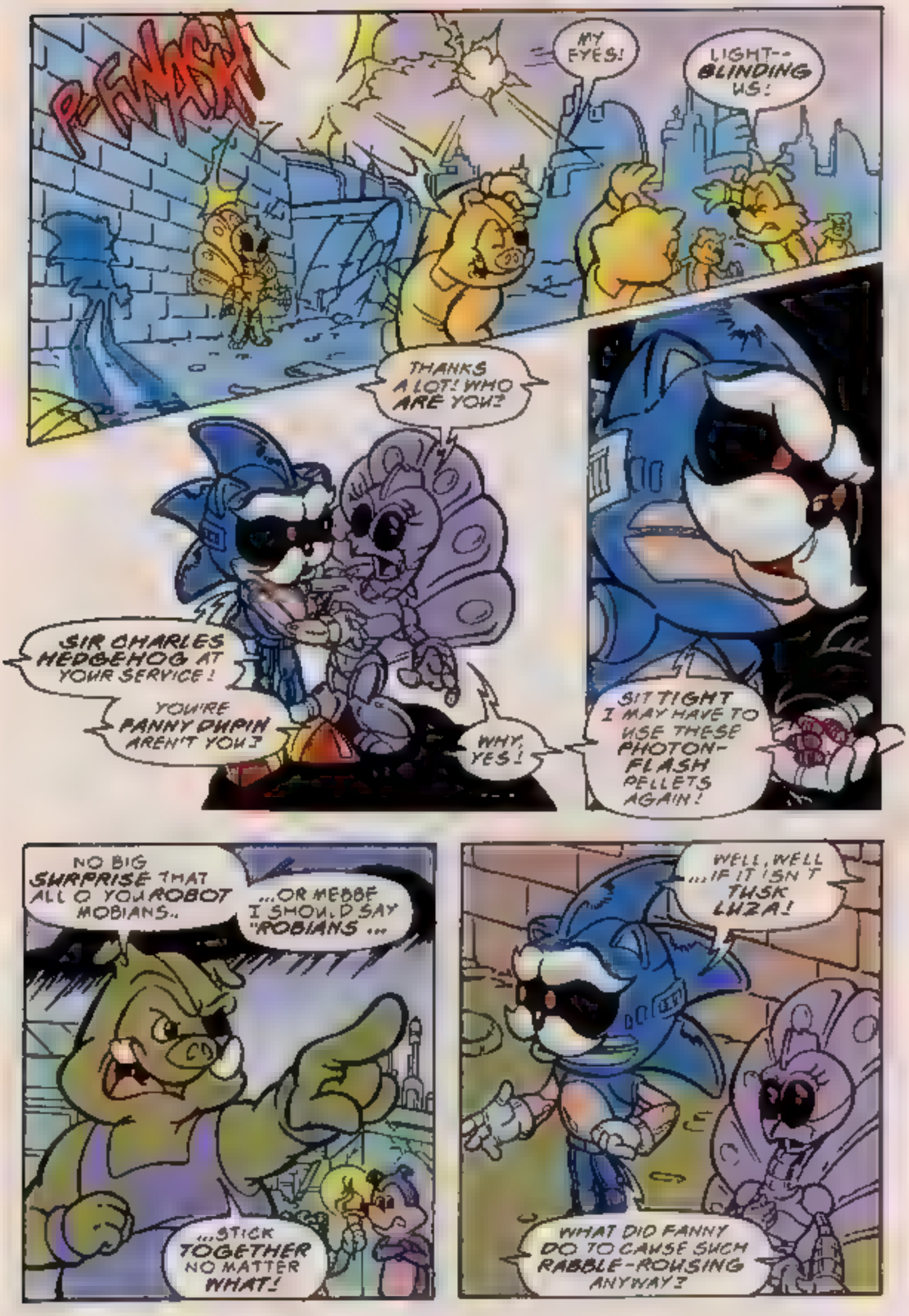
KRASH!
MY EYES!
LIGHT-- BLINDING US!
THANKS A LOT! WHO ARE YOU?
SIR CHARLES HEDGEHOG AT YOUR SERVICE!
YOU'RE FANNY PUPIN AREN'T YOU?
WHY, YES!
SIT TIGHT I MAY HAVE TO USE THESE PHOTON-FLASH PELLETS AGAIN!
NO BIG SURPRISE THAT ALL O YOU ROBOT MOBIANS..
...OR MEBBE I SHOULD SAY "ROBIANS ..."
...STICK TOGETHER NO MATTER WHAT!
WELL, WELL ...IF IT ISN'T THSK LUZA!
WHAT DID FANNY DO TO CAUSE SUCH RABBLE-ROUSING ANYWAY?

GO AHEAD! TELL HIM HOW WE CAUGHT YOU SPYIN ROUND ROBOTNIK'S LAB!

IT'S OFF-LIMITS TO EVERYONE!

I ONLY WENT THERE ON A DARE FROM MY FRIENDS!

THERE, THERE FANNY! NOW THAT'S A REASONABLE ENOUGH EXPLANATION FOR YOU, ISN'T IT, TUSK?

NO I AIN'T, YOU METAL-HEADED MORON!

YOU RUST-POTS CAN'T BE TRUSTED! IT WASN'T SO LONG AGO THAT ROBOTNIK HAD YOU LOSERS LIKE PUPPETS ON A STRING!

I SAY WE TAKE THIS HUBBUB BEFORE PRINCESS SALLY ACORN RIGHT NOW!

LET HER SETTLE IT!

AGREED!

AS NIGHT BRINGS HER DARKNESS TO CASTLE ACORN...

...ONCE THE HEADQUARTERS OF TECHNO-GENIUS, Dr. ROBOTNIK...

...SO TOO DO THE TWO QUARRELING PARTIES--MOBIAN AND ROBIAN--BRING THEIR PRESENCE TO ITS THRONE ROOM.

WHERE IN BLUE *BLAZES* IS THE PRINCESS, ANYWAYS? WE'VE BEEN WAITIN' HERE A WHOLE *FIVE* MINUTES ALREADY!

AND YOU'LL WAIT FIVE *HOURS* IF NEED BE, YOU *LOUT!* FURTHERMORE YOU'LL SHOW *RESPECT* WHEN IN THE ROYAL *PALACE* OR BE ESCORTED *OUT!*

NOW WHAT'S ALL THE *COMMOTION?*

AFTER A BRIEF RECAPITULATION...

...THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY, SIR JOHN!

THE PRINCESS IS *AWAY* ON A *MISSION** SO THIS MATTER MUST BE *POSTPONED!*

*See main story - JFG

THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR *THAT*, GEOFFREY!

Hum?

WHAT?!

W-WHY Y-YEAH K-KING A-ACORN...

O-OF COURSE, S-S-SIRE..

I AM STILL THE KING OF MOBOTROPOLIS AFTER ALL

IS THAT NOT CORRECT?

VERY WELL LET US CONTINUE THEN, SHALL WE?

PERHAPS YOU SHOULD BE RESTING, MY LIEGE AFTER ALL YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH...

NONSENSE Sir JOHN! I WON'T HEAR OF T, NOW HELP ME TO MY THRONE.

YES, MY LIEGE...

I HAVE OVER-HEARD THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS...

"...AND HAVE COME TO A DECISION.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ANY SO-CALLED ROBIANS WILL BE SUMMARLY DISMANTLED FOR TREASON...

STARTING WITH THIS GIRL!

DISMANTLED?

Huh?

Gasp!

YOU CAN'T JUST MAKE UP A LAW ON THE SPOT AND THEN PASS SENTENCE! IT'S UNFAIR!

UNFAIR?

UNFAIR?

Er... MY LIEGE..

IT WAS YOU WHO GAVE ROBOTNIK THE MEANS TO OVERTHROW MY KINGDOM AND YOU HAVE THE GALL TO SPEAK OF WHAT IS UNFAIR?

AS A MATTER OF FACT...

...I WANT YOU ALL DISMANTLED NOW!

PARDON MY SAYING SO, SIRE, BUT I BESEECH YOU TO RECONSIDER THIS RASH DECISION!

FIRSTLY, I WILL NOT PARDON YOUR SAYING SO! AND, SECONDLY...

WHAM!

BOY, WE REALLY BEAT THOSE EGG-BOTS, Hun? GET IT? BEAT?

SONIC!

HEY, UNCLE CHUCK! WHAT'S THE PROBLEMO?

DAD!

DAD...?

WHY IS MY **POWER** BEING **UNDERMINED**?! I GAVE AN **ORDER** AND I WANT IT CARRIED **OUT**!

I--

--HGGHH!

HE'S PASSED OUT **COLD**!

QUICK! SOMEONE CALL **DOCTOR QUACK**!

YOU **EVER** HAVE ONE OF THOSE **DAYS** WHERE YOU WONDER **WHY** YOU GOT OUTTA BED IN THE **FIRST** PLACE?

BUT THEN...

COME IN, **FREEDOM FIGHTERS**! THERE'S **TROUBLE** ON THE **FLOATING ISLAND**! WE **NEED** YOUR HELP!

DON'T MISS **KNUCKLES** # 9 TO CHECK OUT WHAT'S **SHAKING** UP ON THE FLOATING ISLE!!

SONIC-GRAMS

J. Freddy Gabrie
Editor

THIS JUST IN!

A NEW HERO IN TOWN!

IN ONE WEEK: BE THE FIRST ON YOUR BLOCK TO GET THE FOUR PREMIERE ISSUE OF **NIGHTS INTO DREAMS #1 (OF 3)!** IN THE WORLD OF **NIGHTOPIA** WHERE DREAMS ARE PLAYED OUT, AN EVIL BEING IS GAINING TREMENDOUS POWER. HE IS **WIZEMAN THE WICKED**, AND THROUGH HIS CREATIONS THE **NIGHTMAREN**, HE CAPTURES PRECIOUS DREAM ENERGY FROM HUMANS. IF HE IS NOT STOPPED, HE WILL RISE FROM THE SUBCONSCIOUS AND **ENTER OUR WORLD**. IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN, NO POWER ON EARTH WOULD BE ABLE TO STOP HIM. BUT THERE IS ONLY ONE THING WIZEMAN NEEDS TO COMPLETE HIS PLANS; **THE RAREST DREAM ENERGY** THAT CAN ONLY BE WIELDED BY THE TWO PERFECT DREAMERS EVERY HUNDRED YEARS. IN THIS CENTURY, THEY ARE **ELLIOT EDWARDS AND CLARIS SINCLAIR. NIGHTS**, A FORMER NIGHTMAREN OF WIZEMAN, MANAGED TO ESCAPE HIS GRASP AND BECOME A FORCE FOR GOOD. HE WILL COME TO THE AID OF CLARIS AND ELLIOT IN THE LAND OF NIGHTOPIA. TOGETHER, THEY HOPE TO DEFEAT WIZEMAN AND HIS EVIL NIGHTMAREN. BUT WILL THEY BE ENOUGH TO SAVE THE WORLD? **WRITTEN BY DAN SLOTT WITH ART BY SPAZ, MANNY AND HARVO.** DON'T MISS IT! **ON SALE DECEMBER 1997!**

NIGHTS
INTO DREAMS #1
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KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA #2
ON SALE DECEMBER 1997

IN TWO WEEKS: THE CONCLUSION OF "**THE DARK VENGEANCE**" STORY LINE. WITNESS **KNUCKLES'** BIGGEST CHALLENGE YET AS HE IS TAKEN APART MOLECULE BY MOLECULE COURTESY OF THE POWER OF **ENERJAK!** BEHOLD THE INVASION INTO **ECHIDNAOPOLIS** BY **KRAGOK AND THE DARK LEGION!** ADD TO THIS FRACAS **ATHAIR AND THE ANCIENT WALKERS, REMINGTON AND THE ECHIDNA SECURITY TEAM, STRYKER AND THE DINGOES,** AS WELL AS **SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.** BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE, AS A VILLAIN FROM THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT PAST MAKES HIS MOVE. IT'S ALL OUT PANDEMONIUM IN THIS KNUCKLES-FASHION! **STORY BY KEN PENDERS WITH ART BY MANNY GALAN AND ANDREW PEPOY! ON SALE DECEMBER 1997!**

AND NEXT MONTH:
THE RETURN OF SUPER SONIC AND HYPER KNUCKLES!!!! 'NUFF SAID! ON SALE JANUARY 1998!

CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE!

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THANKS FOR UNDERSTANDING.

AS INCREDIBLE AS IT MAY SEEM, "END GAME" PART TWO RECEIVED EVEN MORE LETTERS THAN PART ONE. HERE'S JUST A SAMPLE OF WHAT WAS SAID...

DEAR SONIC PEOPLE,

I'VE JUST READ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #48. IT WAS BEAUTIFUL! THIS ISSUE SEEMED INCREDIBLE FOR ME BECAUSE IT INCORPORATED MANY THOUGHT-FILLED AND DRAMATIC SCENES, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL PERSONALITIES. ONCE AGAIN, I MUST SAY IT WAS GREAT. WHAT STARTED OUT AS JUST ANOTHER KID'S BOOK THAT YOU OFTEN FIND THE SCRIBBLING OF CRAYONS ON, HAS ELEVATED INTO A MUCH MORE SOPHISTICATED LEVEL WITHOUT LOSING THE KIDS. ORIGINALLY, I WAS IN LOVE WITH SONIC'S NETWORK CARTOON BECAUSE OF ITS INCREDIBLY-INVOLVED PLOTS. NOW THAT THE CARTOON IS NOT ON THE AIR, I AM SO GLAD THAT THE COMIC BOOK HAS TAKEN OVER ITS STORIES. THANKS.

RAVEN MOUSSEE
WHITEWATER, WI

THAT'S A COMPLIMENT IF I EVER HEARD ONE. KEEP READING, RAVEN. IT JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER.

YO HEDGEHOG-MAN,

WAZ UP?! I JUST GOT DONE READING SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #48 AND I HAVE A QUESTION: HOW DID "NO-BIG-BUTT" GET THE COORDINATES TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE? DID KING ACORN GIVE THEM OR WAS IT IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG # 27 & #28 WHEN SONIC ALMOST LEAD ROBOTNIK TO KNOTHOLE. WELL, THAT'S ABOUT IT EXCEPT TO SAY THAT SONIC'S INNOCENT!

HOLLY NICOLA (AGE 12)
PARADISE, PA

AS EXPLAINED BY DOCTOR QUACK IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #50, ROBOTNIK LOCATED THE ENERGY SIGNATURE OF THE DREAM-WATCHER COMING FROM KNOTHOLE IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #43. HE 'TUNED IN' TO THE FREQUENCY AND FOUND OUT ABOUT THE KING'S RETURN FROM THE 'ZONE OF SILENCE.' THAT'S WHEN HE BEGAN TO DEVISE A PLAN THAT WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION. IT'S SCARY TO THINK OF IT BUT HE ALMOST WON. TOO BAD FOR HIM HE DIDN'T.

DEAR SONIC-GRADS,

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?! I MEAN, I'M A MAJOR, MAJOR SONIC FAN AND I HAVE ALL HIS COMICS. BUT THERE IS NO WAY YOU'RE GOING TO CONVINCE ME THAT SALLY HAS BEEN MURDERED. AND EVEN IF SHE WERE, SONIC WOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT? HE LOVES HER! I'M SURE HE'S BEEN FRAMED! IF SHE IS GONE FOR GOOD, WHERE WILL THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS GO? TO ROBOTNIK? I DON'T THINK SO!

TIM YAGE
MELBOURNE, FL

THANKS FOR BELIEVING IN MY INNOCENCE AS MOST OF MY FANS DID!

DEAR ANTOINE,

I THINK RIGHT NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO QUOTE AMY ROSE IN [redacted] #40. EXCEPT WITH ONE CHANGE: "SONIC IS NO VILLAIN; KING ACORN SHOULD BE CHELLIN'" COME ON, DON'T YOU THINK BEING A FALSELY-ACCUSED CRIMINAL ONCE IS ENOUGH FOR ANYONE? AND EVEN YOU CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SONIC (BLEP) BLEED SALLY. IT MUST HAVE BEEN ANOTHER OF ROBOTNIK'S ROBOT DUPLICATES OR SOMETHING. ANTOINE, I THOUGHT YOU WERE PRETTY COOL SINCE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #24. OF COURSE, IF YOU STILL CONTINUE TO BELIEVE HE DID IT, THEN YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE POSSIBLY YOUR ONLY FAN. WELL, ONE MORE THING BEFORE I GO: DRAGO IS THE TRAITOR!!!

BRIAN "SLY" FOX
ST AUGUSTINE, FL

FORTUNATELY, WE FOUND OUT ABOUT DRAGO JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME. AND WITH HERSHEY'S TESTIMONY, DRAGO'S GOING TO BE IN THE GULAG FOR A LONG TIME. AS FAR AS ANTOINE THINKING I WAS THE CULPRIT BEHIND SALLY'S FALL, HE WAS GOING BY WHAT HE SAW. BUT, I'M GLAD TO HAVE FOUND OUT LATER THAT HE AND BUNNIE TRIED TO CLEAR MY NAME WHEN THEY WERE SENT TO CROCBOT'S PRISON COMPOUND IN DOWNUNDA. BY THE WAY, IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT HOW THEY ESCAPED, CHECK OUT SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #4 COMING OUT IN JANUARY 1998!

HEY FREEDOM FIGHTERS,

THE COMIC SERIES "END GAME" IS A "SONIC BLAST!" I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT ISSUE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #49 "ESCAPE FROM THE FLOATING ISLAND" TO COME OUT. I'D LIKE TO ALSO MENTION THAT LIKE DANIELLE HANDY, I ALSO LOVE JAPANESE ANIME (JAPANIMATION). I WATCH THEM EVERY SATURDAY MORNING ON THE SCI-FI CHANNEL.

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I GOTTA TELL YOU, RUNNING AROUND LIKE A MANIAC FROM BOTH MY FRIENDS AND MY ENEMIES BECAUSE OF MY BEING FRAMED FOR SALLY'S SUPPOSED DEATH BY ROBOTNIK WAS NOT COOL! NO WAY, UH-UH. DON'T WANT TO DO THAT AGAIN.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH, KEEP ON JUICIN'!